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    WASHINGTON — An official US commission accused ally India of failing to protect Christian and Muslim minorities from violent attacks, prompting a denial Thursday from New Delhi.

    The report from the **US Commission on International Religious Freedom** placed India on a watch list over alleged failure to prevent a "disturbing increase in communal violence" in the majority Hindu state.

    The annual report, released Wednesday, cited attacks in Orissa against Christians in 2008 and against Muslims in Gujarat in 2002.